Following brief consultation within the Department Of Health and Community Services Darwin I offer the following submission.

1 Trans Tasman recognition of prior service within health and other sectors such as universities and education.

There is a need to recognise long service/prior service within specific industries and to carry these accross the Tasman.

In recognition of the large numbers of professionals who do travel back and forth, this will prevent individuals being penalised when they make a shift between Australia or New Zealand. That is the loss of long service leave.

2 Mutual recognition of accredited training and trainers in relation the the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and the Australian National Training Authority. (ANTA)

I am not sure of the current staus of Vocational Education Training in relation to the Trans Tasman MRA.

Being able to access trainers and training packages that are mutually recognised allows for more diversity in training delivery.

This would also encompass the recognition of Registered Training Authorities in both countries. Allowing for an easy flow of specific industry related training and training resources accross the Tasman.

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